



**SSSC
PRESENTS**

ITALY

**MARCH 2-16,
2002**

Ski one week in the fabulous Val di Fassa of the Dolomite region of Italy, the largest and scenically the most beautiful ski area in the

world. We will be staying in Vigo di Fassa. Lodging will include breakfast and dinner. Optional side trips to Venice and/or Milan will be available.

After a week of skiing we will head to the Amalfi Coast of Italy for a week of sun and fun. Lodging will be in La Bosula Hotel overlooking the Gulf of Salerno and will include breakfast. Sightseeing possibilities are Pompeii, Isle of Capri, Sorrento, Naples, etc.

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Ski touring with a difference



Ski mountaineering in the Dolomites is usually a demanding enterprise and certainly not for beginners. But the Dolomites offer a ski touring experience with a difference that everyone can enjoy – the famous **Sella Ronda**, a circular ski route leading round the mighty Sella massif and offering of downhill trails in a single day. The ascents are no problem – with modern lifts and cableways and the convenience of a Dolomiti Superski skipass.

The experts can even add a few more kilometres to the Sella Ronda (perhaps the demanding Porta Vescovo trail from Arabba).

The round trip of the Sella Ronda should be planned properly. It takes a good six hours. So be sure to set off early in the morning. And make sure you get to the last lift in time in the afternoon. The trails are officially closed after 5 p.m. You can ski the Sella Ronda clockwise or anticlockwise. An accurate map is available at the Tourist Offices.

A similar route is the **Gherdëina Skiring**. Although not so famous, it is just as beautiful and varied. And it is the best way of discovering the cosy ski lodges in Val Gardena. The route of the Gherdëina Skiring takes you to Alpe Seceda, Cuca Saddle, Furnes, Col Raiser, the Sasionch trail, Piz Sella and Dantercèpies.

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So – I'm sure everyone was wondering why there was no price on the Italy flyer that appeared in your last newsletter. Anyway, Al Italia finally came through with prices, so here is everything you wanted to know about this fabulous two-week trip.

PRICE: \$1675 PP/DBL OCC.
(SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$400)

DEPOSIT: \$500 PER PERSON

Payment Schedule: \$250 Sept. 15, Oct. 15, Nov. 15, Dec. 15
Jan. 15 Balance (including fees for any optional side trips)

Of course, we will always accept payment in full.

Cancellation Policy: Up to 60 days prior to travel - \$25
 59 to 30 days prior to travel - \$75
 Within 30 days of travel - No refund

OK – what are the side trips and how much are they? We don't know yet. Some options are Venice, Milan, Ludwig's castle in Germany, Isle of Capri, Pompeii, Sorrento, Naples.... Typically, in past years, side trips ran anywhere from \$50 to \$80 depending on the distance from where we are staying. We will forward more info once we decide where we want to go and get prices on the bus.

We will be departing from Washington National Airport on Sat., 2 March, 2002 and connecting in Newark, arriving in Milan on Sunday morning at approx. 8:30 am. Bus ride from Milan to Vigo di Fassa is about 3 ½ hours. We will arrive in time for lunch. Lodging is in the beautiful Hotel Corona and includes breakfast and dinner every day. Check out the website: www.hotelcorona.com

On March 9 we will be leaving in the early morning to catch a flight out of Milan down to Naples, where we will bus to Amalfi. There we will be staying in the wonderful La Bossula Hotel overlooking the Gulf of Salerno. This lodging includes breakfast only, as everyone will probably be out sightseeing every day. Check out the website: www.labussolahotel.it

On Sat., March 16, we fly from Naples back to Milan, arriving in Newark approx. 5:30 pm, and then flying into Washington National about 9:30 pm.

If you don't have a passport get started on it. It takes a while.

Al Italia's partners for frequent flyer miles are Continental and Northwest.

NOTE: This price includes the 6-day Super Dolomiti Ski Pass !!!!

Check this website: <http://www.dolomitisuperski.com/default.asp?L=3>

This trip is limited to SSSC members only. If your membership is not current fill out the enclosed membership application form. It will be good for the 2001-2002 ski year.

Membership is open to everyone (only \$15 – what a deal!).

Don't delay – this trip will fill up very quickly at this price! We are limiting it to 36 people.

Marcia & Joe

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Oct. 1, 2001 thru Sept. 30, 2002

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street

City *State* *Zip*

PHONE: _____
Home *Work*

E-MAIL: _____

NRL CODE: _____ BLDG/ROOM _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: (\$15)

Send My Mailings to:

___ NEW MEMBER ___ RENEWAL

___ EMAIL Addr

___ REGULAR (NRL EMPLOYEE/CONTRACTOR)

___ NRL Addr

___ ASSOCIATE (NON-NRL EMPLOYEE/CONTRACTOR)

___ Home Addr

(Associate members have no voting privileges and may not hold any office.)

All memberships are family memberships. A family is defined as husband, wife and children under the of age 21. List names of family members below:

MAKE CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15.00 PAYABLE TO **SSSC** AND MAIL TO:

MIKE ASBERY, NRL CODE 5733.20 or

MIKE ASBERY 9010 BUTTONS DRIVE, CLINTON MD 20735

Skiing can be a hazardous activity. The Snow Searchers Ski Club, Inc., its Board of Directors, and its trip leaders will take all possible precautions to assure you, your family members, and your guests safe and enjoyable outings, including outings other than skiing. However, because of the numerous variable factors involved, the undersigned member, parent or guardian absolves the Snow Searchers Ski Club, Inc., its Board of Directors, and its trip leaders from any liability in the event of an accident or injury to the signee, any family members or any persons for whom the signee is a guardian, whose names are shown on this form. The signee must be 21 years of age or older.

Member Date

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